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Heritage protection charities have joined forces in the hope of stopping a developer converting Sheemess Dockyard's historic main gate building (pictured) into residential properties and commercial units

### BY JILL HURST

HERITAGE protection charities claim plans to develop Sheerness Dockyard will destroy one of the most important historic sites in south east England.

Save Britain's Heritage and the World Monuments Fund Britain have joined forces to oppose plans to turn part of the dockyard into luxury flats.

Councillors will decide the future of the site tomorrow evening.

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Save Britain's Heritage spokesman William
Palin said the development would shatter the
fragile landscape.

He said: "If this application is granted then Swale can wave goodbye to one of its most valuable historic assets, throwing away the key to the regeneration of the whole Isle of Sheppey and adjoining coast

Sheppey and adjoining coast.

"Sheerness Dockyard stands at a crossroads — with the backing of World Monuments Fund Britain there is a real opportunity to reverse many years of neglect and to heal one the most important and overlooked late Georgian enclaves in the country."

Spokesman for World Monuments Fund Britain, David Gundry, added: "Inappropriate development such as this will destroy a fundamental part of the heritage value and will likely hinder the sustainable development of the area in the long run."

Property developer George Demetrious, of Whetstone, London, has applied to the council for permission to convert the main gate building into 23 residential properties and one

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# Death of man found in creek 'was accident'

### BY JILL HURST

AN INQUEST has ruled the death of a man who fell from his boat while trying to fix faulty electrics was accidental.

Edward Michael Gough, 55, had been living on the Henry barge in The Standard Quay, Abbey Street, for 18 months at the time of his death in the early hours of Sunday, October 25.

Folkestone Speaking at Magistrates Court on June 16, coroner Mrs R Redman said it was probable Mr Gough had entered the water unconscious after banging his head on the harbour wall.

Detective Superintendent Stuart Sampson, from Sittingbourne Police, told the court there was no evidence of foul play. He added: "Police received a call after a young girl spotted Mr Gough lying in the mud at about 11am on Sunday morning. Her father called the emergency services.

There were valuables on board the barge and these were untouched. There was no evidence that any third party was involved."

DS Sampson said Mr Gough had two screw drivers in his pocket when he was found, which he had probably planned to use to fix the

At the time of Mr Gough's death, Faversham boat maker Colin Frake said it was common for the electrics in the creek to trip, forcing boat owners to return to shore to fix

Mr Gough was last seen at the Anchor Inn pub just before mid-night on October 24. Staff said although he had been drinking he was not "extensively drunk."



**HOME:** The Henry barge at Standard Quay

Speaking at the hearing Mr Gough's sister said her brother had battled with alcohol problems for 20 years. She said he had fallen from the boat several times during the months leading up to his death as he tried to jump the four to six-foot gap between the barge and the quayside.

She added: "He'd been a bit down before his death because of his drinking and money. He'd hit his head on one occasion, but had managed to get himself back on board."

In a statement read to the court, pathologist Dr David Rouse said Mr Gough had suffered a fractured skull, two broken ribs and lacerations to his face and head.

Recording the cause of death as head injury and drowning, he said Mr Gough had 220ml per 100ml of alcohol in his system at the time of his post mortem. The drink-driving limit is 80ml per 100ml.

However, Mrs Redman told the court it was likely Mr Gough had a high tolerance of alcohol and would have been less affected by the amount in his system than some one who drank less.

Recording a verdict of accidental death she described Mr Gough's death as a tragic accident and conveved her sincere condolences to his

### Call to preserve dockyard building

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office, convert Dockyard House into two commercial units and build 40 new homes.

The proposal would see the removal of later extensions to Regency Close.

Planning officers at Swale council have recommended the application is given the go-ahead because they say "any harm caused to the heritage value of the site can be justified by the potential improvements to the listed buildings."

All Britain's Royal dockyards retain elements of their dockyard walls, gatehouses and officer's quarters and many are significantly older than those at Sheerness. However, what sets Sheerness Dockyard apart is its comprehensive remodelling by John Rennie in 1808.

Rennie designed and developed many docks and harbours in the late 18th and early 19th centuries.

Work on the reconstruction of the dockyard commenced in 1815, and the residential part was officially opened in 1830.

A meeting of the planning committee will take place in the council chamber, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne on Thursday, June 24 at 7pm. Members of the public are invited to attend.

### Rescue crews get Nobby on his feet

A WHITE shire horse, who had once pulled the Lord Mayor of London, found himself in need of a pull at the weekend.

Kent Fire and Rescue Service (KFRS) specialist animal rescue team, based in Faversham, were called to a farm in Crouch Lane, Borough Green, just after 10pm on Friday.

They found that the shire horse, called Nobby, who weighs more than a tonne, couldn't get back to his feet.

Station manager Dean Firmin, who attended the rescue, said: "Nobby had been down for about five hours when we arrived and despite trying to get up a couple of times, he just didn't have the strength.

He added "Firefighters from Faversham placed slings around

Nobby and winched him to his feet using the animal rescue unit crane.

"He was a little frightened and shaky but quickly recovered."

### Inspector returns to his old beat

THE new neighbourhood inspector for Faversham has vowed to clamp down on crime and anti-social behav-

Phil Hibben started his new job on June 14, but already has a good idea of what's involved, having served as a bobby in the town during the 1990s.

Inspector Hibben said: "I am looking forward to getting to know the town and its people again and my priority is to find out their concerns and how we can tackle them.

"Before I came to mid Kent I worked at force headquarters, developing neighbourhood policing across the county, seeing what works and what doesn't.

"The Faversham neighbourhood team already does a fantastic job in the community and I have been particularly impressed by the close links Swinney, ser-geant Dave geant Smith and their team of police constables and police community support officers have forged with residents, Swale council and local housing associations in their continu-

al quest to stamp out crime and antisocial behaviour.

"I'm planning to build on that good work and I hope that the knowledge I have built up should stand me in good stead."

Chief Inspector Tony Henley added: "Inspector Swinney and his team have done an exceptional job in reducing both crime and anti-social behaviour in Faversham and the rural area, and the past year has seen a reduction in overall crime of 20 per cent.

"Much of this success is due to the close partnership between the police, Swale council and other agencies such as housing associations under the umbrella of the community safe-

ty unit.
"Inspector Hibben's appointment is great news for Faversham. He brings with him a wealth of knowledge about neighbourhood policing, particularly in dealing with anti-social behaviour, and his appointment means that Inspector Swinney can dedicate all his time to building on the good work the community safety unit has already achieved."

# Boy crashes car trying to help disabled gran

# Teen accidentally reverses into parked cars

BY **JILL HURST** 

A SCHOOLBOY crashed his grandmother's new car and narrowly avoided causing serious injury because he wanted to save her from walking up a hill a court heard.

The 14-year-old from Sittingbourne, who cannot be named, was visiting his elder brother at HMP Cookham Wood in Rochester with his sister and disabled nan, who suffers from heart

and lung problems.

Sittingbourne Magistrates heard how the boy's grandmother struggled to walk to the car and jokingly said she wished one of her grandchildren would drive it to her.

### Reverse

Unfortunately, the teenager took the request seriously and ran off to get the woman's brandnew Vauxhall Astra which she had only picked up the previous week.

Not realising the car was automatic, the lad put it in reverse, causing it to shoot back and smash into a number of parked vehicles including a BMW and a Land Rover.

A motorist sitting in his car watched as the boy changed gear and the car hurtled forwards and down a high curb at speed before smashing into his vehicle.

Speaking in court on June 17, the boy's

grandmother said she had watched the events unfold in horror.

She added said: "It was a really bad day and was windy and I was going at a slow pace and

"I told them to go and get the keys and belongings from the gatehouse and warm the car up. I said I'd be there when I could.

"I said, tongue in cheek, I wished one of them could drive the car to me. It was just one of those things you say but the seed was put in his mind.

"I could see him and his sister in the car as I walked up level with the car park. Both children were in the car and I could see they were both panicking.

"When I saw him reversing I was gob-smacked. I shouted, "No, no, no, don't move."

The lad pleaded guilty to driving without insurance and without due care and attention. Asked why he had driven the car, the boy

said: "I thought I'd just go and reverse and then pick my nan up on the corner.

Magistrate Mr Keith Woolley rejected requests for a conditional discharge saying it would not reflect the seriousness of the situation.

The teenager was ordered to take part in a six month youth referral order. Under the terms of the order he will be required to attend weekly supervision sessions and complete 24 hours of unpaid work.

 $\bar{\mathrm{He}}$  was also ordered to pay £40 towards court costs and he was disqualified from driving for



QUICK GETAWAY: The 14-year-old had been visiting his elder brother at Cookham Wood before he got in the car

### **Shoplifter takes** TV away on bike

A FRUSTRATED football fan tried to escape on a push-bike after stealing a 32in TV so he could watch the World

Over-ambitious shoplifter Craig Docherty walked into Sainsbury's, Sittingbourne, and ran out clutching the large TV set.

He jumped onto his cycle with the TV balancing precariously on the handle bars, Sittingbourne magistrates were

Docherty, 23, of Sandwich Road, Kemsley, didn't have a TV to watch the World Cup so he decided to help himself to one on Tuesday, June 1.

Minutes later, two officers saw Docherty wobbling along Dover Road, Sittingbourne, after he managed to outpace shop staff.

They were speaking to him when they heard about the theft of the set, worth £400, over the police radio, and Docherty was quickly arrested.

He admitted theft.

Simon Holmes, defending, said: "Mr Docherty went into the store wanting to buy a sausage roll.

He saw the boxed television sets near the exit and temptation got the better of him. The theft was brazen, yes, sophisticated, no. He didn't plan the theft in any

way."

Docherty was given a two-year conditional discharge and ordered to pay £85

Mr Holmes said Docherty wasn't dependent on drugs so didn't want to sell

He said: "He wanted to keep the television for himself."

Docherty has previous convictions for burglary but none for shoplifting, and as a result of the theft he has now fallen out with his mother.

Mr Holmes said: "It is safe to say she is not very happy with him."

### **Woman loses** ring in attack

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after two men robbed a woman on a busy Sittingbourne street.

The 51-year-old victim was using the West Street pedestrian crossing near the junction with Dover Street at 10.10am on Friday, June 4, when the incident took place.

Her attacker approached her from behind and tried to pull off a neck chain before running off with an accomplice along Dover Street.

The necklace was not taken, but

a gold wedding ring, worn on the necklace, was lost in the attack.

The first attacker was black about 5ft 4in, of very slim build with very short hair. He is believed to be in his early 20s and was wearing a grey tracksuit top and dark tracksuit bottoms.

The second man was black, about 6ft, of a slim build and in his mid 20s. He is clean-shaven and was wearing a dark hooded top and dark-coloured trousers.

The pair had a dog with them.

PC Nick Lewthwaite from Sittingbourne Police Station said: "This happened mid-morning in a busy part of the town. Someone must have witnessed the robbery or seen these two men.

If you have any information, contact Sittingbourne Police on 01795 419345 or CrimeStoppers in confidence on 0800 555111, quoting reference number CY/8995/10.

# Delight as KOS Media joins Archant Regional portfolio

KOS Media, publisher of this newspaper and the award-winning Kent on Sunday, has been acquired by the

Archant Regional media group.

Archant Regional is the UK's largest independently-owned regional media business, with four daily regional newspapers and about 60 weekly titles with a combined circulation of 2.25 million every week.

It has been a minority shareholder in KOS Media since 2005 and Archant's London division

publishes 21 weekly newspapers across London and Kent, including the Kentish Times series which includes the Gravesend Reporter, Dartford Times, Bromley Times and Bexley Times. KOS Media launched in

2002 and its portfolio includes the Yourlocal series as well as Kent on Sunday, Kent on Saturday and weekend papers in Tunbridge Wells and west Kent, and associated web-

Archant chief executive Adrian Jeakings said: "We are delighted to bring KOS Media fully into our portfolio of regional titles. This acquisition strengthens Archant's presence in Kent and provides a springboard for further investment. We look forward to working with managing director Paul Stannard and his team

to develop this vibrant business."
Mr Stannard said: "I'm delighted Archant has taken on full ownership of KOS Media. We will benefit from ownership by a large, well-financed, independent group with ambitious plans to grow the business."

In 2005, Kent on Sunday was the first and only free newspaper to win the overall UK Regional Newspaper of the Year. Kent on Saturday, its sis-

ter title, was launched in 2005.

KOS Media was the first regional media company in the UK to offer an app for the iPhone. The free Kent News app included full search facilities as well as the kentnews.co.uk websites and page-turning e-editions all in one application. The company also pioneered page-turning

regional e-papers.

KOS Media has a total audience in excess of 500,000 readers per week, according to latest independent market research, and recent independent audits of its newspapers and websites show a reach of more than one third of the adults in Kent.

Mr Stannard said: "KOS Media

looks forward to working further with readers and advertisers right across the county to develop, innovate and invest in Kent's future, prosperity and success.'





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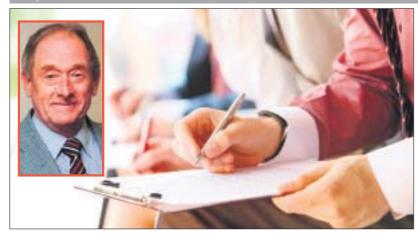
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**GOOD SIGN:** Swale's deputy leader Cllr Gerry Lewin (inset) backs the the new petition system

# **Just 1,500 names** to trigger debate

A PETITION bearing 1,500 signatures will mean Swale councillors will have to debate whatever is getting townspeople hot under the collar.

And a petition of 500 signatures will mean a council officer could have to justify their decisions to a scrutiny panel - similar to select committees at Westminster.

These two measures, to be introduced as part of new legislation, are to be formally adopted by the council tonight (Wednesday).

Introduced by the previous Labour government, the new petition system also requires local authorities to host online petitions which will allow anyone to set up a petition on the web and others to sign up to it.

Swale's deputy leader Cllr Gerry Lewin said the council had chosen to set a low threshold of signatures to trigger a debate or scrutiny hearing because it wants to encourage people to engage in local democracy.

Swale will have to find the money from within to set up the petition system, there is no additional Government funding," he said.

"However, we fully support the policy and welcome letters of petition as this will repre-

### BY JILL HURST

sent engagement in the democratic process. "Petitions that require an officer to be called to answer questions must be based on

the process, not the person.

This is not about cherry-picking what you do and don't like and there should be legitimate justification.

"The process is about challenging a decision taken by the chief executive, a director or a head of service and must relate to a matter for which they may be held responsible.

"The scheme will only apply to petitions relating to matters for which the council has responsibility or which it is able to directly influence

"Complaints will be dealt with in the usual way, such as the ombudsman. We began introducing the petition process on June 15 and hope to have the electronic system up and running by mid-December.'

A meeting of the full council will take place this evening from 7pm at Swale House, East Street Sittingbourne. To find out more about the petitions system contact the petitions officer at Swale council on 01795 417 268 or email petitions@swale.gov.uk.

# Footballs coming foam

WITH World Cup fever sweeping Swale, police and council staff have issued footballs made of foam to minimise noise and reduce the risk of damage caused by youngsters playing in the streets.

The warmer weather, lighter nights and excitement of the championship have brought a new set of challenges.

Police have been swamped with complaints from people fed up with street football leading to damaged gardens and bro-

A Swale council official said: "Although the damage is rarely malicious, residents have voiced concerns that leather balls are heavy and can easily crush plants and smash win-

"After consulting residents and youngsters, the Community Safety Partnership has provided 100 foam footballs which will be distributed by wardens and police where they see a potential for damage or discord. Street warden Daniel Bacon said: "This

initiative is a great example of partnership between agencies and the community.

"Noise and damage are the main issues for residents andthese balls not only create far less noise but also are much less likely to



damage property."

"The aim is to enable youngsters to have a kick about while protecting residents' property - so hopefully everyone is happy and can enjoy the summer."

yourswale **NEWS** IN BRIEF

### RNLI 'heart attack' airlift

A YACHTSMAN who suffered a suspected heart attack while sailing near Faversham was rescued by the RNLI.

A Sea King helicopter was scrambled to Harty Ferry at 3.20pm on June 16.

The coastguard received a call for help from the yacht Spitfire, on route to Queenborough. The



**RESCUE:** RNLI crew approach the yacht

sick man was reported to be suffering chest pains. Whitstable lifeboat also attended and a crewman went aboard the yacht to administer first aid. The man was then winched into the helicopter and flown to the William Harvey Hospital, Ashford.

RNLI helmsman Richard Judge said: "The casualty, a man in his fifties, was conscious but in a lot of pain.'

### Street attack police plea

POLICE have appealed for information after a man was attacked from behind as he walked through Sittingbourne.

The incident took place on Sunday, May 30, at about 11.20pm in East Street, close to Ronalds Court.

Two men are believed to have attacked the victim, causing facial injuries and knocking him into the road.

Officers said passers-by intervened to help the man and are appealing for anyone with information to contact Sittingbourne crime unit on 01495 419339 or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on  $0800\ 555111$ .

### **Cannabis factory raided**

A 45-YEAR-OLD man has been arrested on suspicion of cultivating cannabis after police discovered a drugs factory at a house in James Street, Sheerness.

Police said the hydroponic cannabis farm included more than 30 plants with an estimated street value of £4,000.

The island's CID team joined forces with officers from mid-Kent tactical team on Tuesday, last week, when they executed a search warrant at the house.

The man has been bailed until August 12 pending further inquiries.



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# Drink and drug driving crackdown

NINE motorists have been arrested in Swale during the last two weeks as part of a month-long campaign to stamp out drinking and driving.

The crackdown, which runs for a month, was launched on June 1 with the aim of raising awareness to the dangers of driving while under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

PC Warren Jarvis, traffic co-ordinator for Swale police said: "The deaths of one in six people killed on the roads are attributable to a drink or drug driver. Motorists who are twice the drink drive limit are 50 times more likely to be involved in a fatal crash.

"This year's campaign also coincides with the FIFA World Cup."

# Marlene failed to hit £10,000 prize

DARTS player Marlene Badger saw £10,000 slip through her fingers when she went out of the first-ever PDC Unicorn Women's World Championship.

Marlene, 51, of Sittingbourne, was beaten in the first round of the second stage of the competition at The Metrodome, Barnsley, on Saturday June 12.

Super league player Marlene, was one of 20 lady throwers nationwide who qualified. She said: "I had a tough game, but was pleased with the way I played.

"It was a great experience, and I would really like to be involved again."

The Grand Final of the PDC Unicorn Women's World Championships takes place live on Sky Sports on Sunday, July 25 at The Winter Gardens, Blackpool.

# Wood this be answer to our waste problem?

THE firm behind the biomass power station at Ridham Docks says it will help solve Kent's waste wood issue and provide 30 jobs.

Initial plans for the plant have been sent to Kent County Council by Biomass Power Plant Ridham Limited, which is a joint venture formed by German energy firm subsidiary Evonik New Energies and renewable energy specialist HES Biopower

specialist HES Biopower.

The 25MW of power, plus 35MW of steam heat, will be produced by the plant which will convert non-recyclable waste wood to green, renewable energy in the form of heat and electricity which will be fed to the public grid from the 'station' near Sittinghourne.

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The companies say plants like this will go some way towards eliminating the current waste of over six million tonnes of non-recyclable wood that is produced in the UK every year and ends up in landfill sites.

Yet environmentalists have expressed concern about the plan. Tim Valentine of the Green Party said he was worried that wood covered

### BY CHRIS MURPHY

with led paint or toxic metals would result in the release of harmful chemicals into the atmosphere.

But the Government is keen to stop dumping waste that could be turned into energy and has been increasing the cost of landfill tax along with increases in requirement to 'pre-treat' all waste wood destined for landfill, which again adds costs to the disposal.

Evonik said it is becoming increasingly difficult and expensive to handle non-recyclable waste wood.

Dealing with non-recyclable waste wood is also a regional issue for the South East, with Kent alone generating potentially more than 100,000 tonnes of waste wood each year.

The Government has a 15 per cent renewable energy target by 2020, which means new technologies must be used.

The company said if approved, the facility would see a significant future investment into the area with up to 30 permanent jobs being created at the site, as well as further temporary



**CHIP TIP:** A plant turning waste wood into energy could solve problem of 100,000 tonnes a year going to landfill

jobs during the construction process and longterm contract work with local companies for services and materials.

Potential heat partnerships with local businesses would also contribute to long-term economic development and stability in the region.

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Evonik said it intended to be a "good neighbour".

Juergen Kirsch, Evonik project manager, said: "This is a really exciting development for the area in supporting its endeavours to reach landfill diversion and renewable energy targets."

Douglas Henderson, a director of the project said they have already had good feedback from its local consultations, and are now prepared for a possible long planning procedure.

And the company said it is confident it won't have to go before a government inspector and can be settled locally.

He told KOS Media: "I hope it won't be called in, it shouldn't."

KCC confirmed receipt of a planning applica-







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### **QUESTION** & ANSWER

### JOEL ROSZMANN



### What is the Kent Children Fund Network?

The Kent Children's Fund Network (KCFN) is a charity and voluntary organisation based in Kent. Our three main priorities are participation, play and training. Our aim is empowering children and young people, parents and carers to grow their potential through participation and play.

Practically speaking, that means we provide and promote play in every aspect of life here in Kent. That means getting more play back into schools, promoting playgrounds and play areas, providing opportunities for children that don't get the chance to play. We also work with parents to teach them how to play with their children at home.

We also try and debunk a lot of the myths about health and safety. The focus is all about enriching children's lives in Kent.

### Has play been neglected?

A It is recognised that in the last five to 10 years in the UK we have lost something when it comes to playfulness and children's play.

If you look back 20 to 30 years, children were playing on the street. It was a normal thing to see children at play everywhere. Now very few of them leave their home unless they are under their parent's supervision.

This is because a lot of fear has been spread

through the media and people just don't feel safe letting their children take the lead. We need to let kids be kids.

### Where did your interest in play come from?

Alt's just part of who I am. I was always looking after children who were younger than me. I think it is very important that children have a fulfilling childhood because that leads to a fulfilled adult life. I had a fantastic childhood, my parents did a great job of raising me

I had so many opportunities as a child. At the time I just thought that was normal but actually I was just one of a few lucky children that have those sorts of opportunities presented to them all the time.

### Now did you first get involved in working with children?

I grew up in Canada and there was a brilliant volunteering programme run by the council. I was one of 300 volunteers in Vancouver who got involved in every aspect of youth provision and play, such as running day camp programmes and summer camp programmes and working with children with disabilities.

I then went to Hong Kong doing a similar job, then to Holland, back to Canada and finally here in England in Kent. Working with children has always been my passion and I jumped at the chance to work for this organisation

### What happens after the funding from the Big Lottery stops?

We are keen to see the festival continue. The hope is now we have done a lot of the ground work such as risk assessments etc, a group of community volunteers with our support can take it over on a smaller budget.

### Mow do parents get involved?

Many parents have got involved in our programmes. A lot of the time families just simply come and take part and the parents who show up on the day get involved. We are always keen to hear from people who have seen our website.

### What else would you like to do?

A There are lots of things. I have written books with a limited degree of success. I have a keen interest in international development and the reduction of poverty.

I would like to work in the disaster relief sector going into poor countries in the future, but at the moment it is all about children in Kent. I expect it to be that way for the next few years.

To find out more about the Kent Children's Fund Network visit www.kcfn.co.uk

The play manager for Kent Children's Fund Network talks to **Ed Hill** about encouraging children to boost their potential by participating in games, his childhood in Canada and how he began working with children

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# The even more beautiful game

THERE was once a time when the FA banned women from playing football after concluding the sport was "unsuitable" for the fairer sex.

Despite them having been involved in matches since the late 19th century, the decision in 1921 sent out the clear message that women and football just do not mix.

But try telling that to the more than 1.1 million females playing some form of the sport in England today, or the 26 million competing across the globe.

Thankfully, attitudes towards women's football have changed dramatically over the last few decades, to the point where a new professional Super League will be launched in this country in time for the 2011-12 season

Liz Symons – women and girls development officer for the Kent County Football Association (KCFA) – hopes the league will attract more females into the sport.

"A huge amount of work goes into making girls aware they can play football," she said.

"It's traditionally a male sport, but in Kent we have 44 senior women's teams and more than 100 girls' teams. We've been very lucky in

that everyone in the county supports the women's game, so we're able to promote it fully. "We're getting there, but football has a lot of competition from more traditional female pastimes such as netball, horse-riding and ballet."

As well as encouraging females to play, coach and referee football, the KCFA also runs a girls' centre of excellence, based at Gillingham FC, for elite players.

The centre has already produced an England under-17 international, Deanna Cooper, and Liz hopes more will follow in her footsteps

"Hopefully, the centre will help more girls go

The aim of KOS Media's Fab Football campaign is to increase participation in the sport at all levels. This week, reporter **STEVE KNIGHT** looks at the growth of girls' and women's football in Kent. Email fabfooty@kentfa.com with your comments and suggestions on the campaign





TROPHY TRIUMPH: Gillingham Ladies celebrate their Kent Cup victory

on to play for England or perhaps professionally in the Super League.

"Five or six members of the England women's team are in America getting paid to play, but it's our aspiration that when the

Super League starts we can help more women stay in this country.

"At the moment only the lucky ones get paid to play, while the rest are just doing it for fun."
One person who did have a lot of fun last sea-

son was Gills Ladies captain Becky Lyon, whose team clinched promotion to the Southern Premiership after winning the third division by ten points. They also won the Kent Cup. The 26-year-old, from Sittingbourne, has spent more than a decade at the club and says she could not see herself lining up for anyone else.

"Last season was an absolute dream for me and the girls," she said.
"Our goal at the beginning was to get promoted and that's exactly what we did.



**LYON HEART: Gills** Ladies captain Becky Lvon with trophy

"I've played for Gillingham for a long time, from when we had little backing and no driving force. It's always been my ambition to play in the Southern Premiership, so to achieve that was brilliant."

Becky was 12 when she first started playing for Gillingham, but says a lot has changed with girls' football since then.

"When I was younger it was a lot different," she said. "There was only a handful of girls' clubs, especially at that age group. I think there was only one league, too, and that was five-a-side at Mote Park, Maidstone. "That's why the centre of excellence at

Gillingham is such a brilliant idea because it gives all these girls a direction to go in. The work that goes on at that level is just fantastic.'

Girls and women interested in playing football can email liz.symons@kentfa.com.



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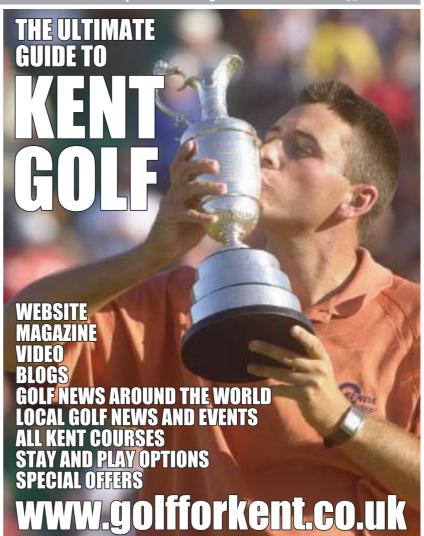
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# Try something vu vu today



THE soundtrack of the World Cup is undoubtedly the 140 decibel blast of the vuvuzela - viewed either as a welcome African addition to the football festival or a major annoyance, writes Nick Ames.

Sainsbury's stores across Kent are recording massive sales of the £2 red horns - mostly to

young people. The sound has also become a popular mobile

phone ring-tone in the last few days. So "vuvu fever" could become a permanent fixture of the UK sporting scene.

Bosses at Sainsbury's are congratulating themselves as the instruments fly of the shelves at a rate of one every couple of seconds across the UK.

The stores in Canterbury, Folkestone and Ashford have recorded good sales and the horns are stocked in a special football section.

Student Adam Hall from Hythe bought one just before the Brazil versus North Korea game. "It'll add to the atmosphere - I just hope the neighbours don't mind," he said.

A spokesman for Sainsbury's said: "We ordered a total of 75,000 of the horns in December knowing they will become a symbol of the World Cup and people will want to have their own

But rivals Asda and Tesco have no plans to follow suit as market research says many people

There have been calls for them to be banned from matches and a less noisy version is now on sale in South Africa

A survey on the streets of Ashford revealed almost everyone knew what the instrument was.

Random comments included: "They should be banned" and "Get them off my TV" but other people were keen to have a go - although not all managed to make a sound.

Office worker Martin Beresford said: "They

really make the event. I think it just adds a real African flavour to what is going on.

"As for calling for them to be banned - what nonsense. What is the point in awarding the best event in the world to Africa and then taking away part of the continent's heritage?

"People should lighten up and enjoy the football – horns and all."

### **African flavour**

The BBC has tried to get coverage without the horn blasts while a German claims to have invented a computer programme which removes its sound from television coverage.

Freddie Maake is the man who claims to have invented the vuvuzela in 1970.

He lives in the Tembisa township of

Johannesburg and is proud of his creation.

"It is our people's celebration and is not going away," he said. "This is South Africa's time to party and we will do it at high volume. It is

"If someone invites you to their house and

then plays music you don't like, it is not your place to switch it off."

Mr Maake said he got the idea when he received a present - a bike with a horn.

He removed the air pump from the horn on an impulse and started blowing it.

A fan of local side Kaizer Chiefs he took it to matches and the craze really started after a local company jumped on the bandwagon and started to produce commercial versions of the home made instrument.

South Africans also claim it was a great success originally as it either mimics the noise of a rhino or is based on a traditional way of signalling long distance between villages.

Mr Maake said: "I called it the vuvuzela in 1992 after South Africa was readmitted into international sport after the abolition of apartheid as this means three things in the Zulu language - welcome, unite and celebrate.'

England's official supporters club back the continued use of the horns while the most objections seem to come from commentators and some journalists.

Three Lions fan Mike Hudson said: "The killjoys seem to be those who are being paid to be out there - what does that say about them?

World Cup spokesman Rich Mkhondo added: Vuvuzelas are here to stay and will never be

"Look at them as part of our culture in South Africa to celebrate the 2010 World Cup." Vuvuzela cost £2 from Sainsbury's.



BRING THE NOISE: South Africa's World Cup will be remembered for the sound of the vuvuzela. 90 per cent are made in China and Sainsbury's guessed correctly by ordering 75,000 last December. Above, England's Wayne Rooney. Below, fan in Ashford





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### £15 million of cuts at county hall is just the start - 'much more to come'

FINANCE chiefs at Kent County Council could be being forced to make up to £320 million savings over the next four years as Government grants are slashed

And the crucial savings start this year, with some £15m of cutbacks being made in the 2010-11 budget.

But cabinet member for finance Councillor John Simmonds said this was just the beginonly simmonds said unis was just the beginning, with an expected 20-25 per cent grant cut over the next four years at KCC.

It will mean three-year plans to save

£200m - which was the predicted shortfall in Government funding estimated at County

Hall last year – may have to be stretched to 2014, with £320m savings in the pipeline.

Cllr Simmonds said: "It's a gloomy message, but this country has one heck of a deficit.

"At KCC we are talking of bringing in a longer-term arrangement working towards 20-25 per cent cuts over the next four years, to save around £320m. Somehow we've got to find £15.6m for this year in the 2010-11 budget."

Under the three-year plan some 420 posts were being cut at KCC, but this would increase to 1,000 under the four-year plan.

Cllr Simmonds said: "We were expecting to lose 420 jobs, but that would be through general turnover and not filling vacancies.'

Cuts are inevitable at the authority, with the department for children, families and education already a target.

Savings of £6.8m are expected, which will come as another blow after plans to scrap 260 posts in the department were revealed in February

Cllr Gary Cooke, deputy cabinet member for children, families and education, said they were aware the department would feel the cuts, but stressed it was still early days before decisions were made.

"What we can do is find further efficiencies and savings," he said. "The cuts earlier this

year means this will be easier. If this hadn't happened we would be feeling a drastic need to look for savings now.

"David Cameron said that as a nation we will all feel the pressure of the economic situation, and this is true. What we will continue to do is protect the most vulnerable people and minimise the impact of any changes we make. Education is the top of our philosophy at KCC."

Cllr Simmonds stressed the cuts would not affect frontline services, but could mean facilities such as breakfast and after-school clubs were scrapped, while calling for "collaboration

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### **BREAK TIME**



PROUD DAY: Coral Crouch and Emily Moon of the Abbey School with their Panathlon medals

### **Pupils triumph** at Panathlon

FOUR students representing the Abbey School's autism unit in Faversham at a sporting competition brought home a string of medals

Teenagers Antony Crome, William France, Coral Crouch and Emily Moon took part in the east Kent Panathalon county finals in Maidstone.

A spokesman for the school said: "Competition to reach the final round was challenging, and a result of the team's success at the Canterbury High School in April.

"Events in Maidstone were tough, but the day culminated in medals galore as Coral Croucher and Emily Moon won one gold medal and two silver medals and Antony Crome and William France won two silver medals.

Sue Sayer, head of the autism unit at the Abbey School, added: "It was a fabulous day and a very good learning experience for our students.

# Inspector full of praise for outstanding primary school

BY JILL HURST

A SITTINGBOURNE primary school has received a glowing report from Government inspectors who ranked it as outstanding.

St Peter's Primary Catholic School in West Ridge received high praise following its Ofsted inspection in May - the outstanding ranking is the best in the history of the school

The inspector commended the teaching staff, including executive headteacher Caroline Jackson and head of school Colleen Owen, for the school's considerable improvment.

He added: "St Peter's is an outstanding school. This represents considerable improvement since the last inspection, when the school was ranked as good. Senior leaders and governors have used their self-evaluations of the school's performance extremely well, establishing exactly what they needed to do to respond effectively to the last report.

"Plans for the future, alongside this excellent track record. suggest that the capacity to sustain improvement is outstandingly strong.

"Every parent who returned a questionnaire, without exception, indicated their overall happiness with their children's experiences, and nearly all believe that their children's progress and the school's leadership are

The inspector said feedback from parents had been exceptionally high, with one parent saying: "It is a wonderful school with an excellent teaching staff. My child is very happy and is learning very well.



**TOP CLASS:** St Peter's Primary Catholic School pupils celebrate the school receiving Ofsted's 'outstanding' mark

Another parent said: "The head teachers and the governors have every reason to be very proud of what they have done here.'

The Government inspector went on to remark that the ethos of cooperation and sociability, regard for individuals, enjoyment of learning and high morale was evident, meaning that many aspects of pupils' personal development are outstanding, including their behaviour and spiritual, moral, social and cultural development.

"Pupils freely offer their help. Their kindness

is unstinting and reflects in the considerable work that they undertake to improve the community. They sing at local residential homes, enter and are currently holders of a gold award in the Sittingbourne in Bloom event and contribute time and skills to the Catholic agency for overseas development campaigns."

Chairman of the board of Governors at the school, Councillor Duncan Dewar-Whalley said he was delighted at the ranking.

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# Police cuts 'will not harm services'

BUDGET cuts at Kent Police will not result in a reduction in frontline services, promises acting Chief Constable Adrian Leppard.



CHALLENGE: Adrian Leppard

Mr Leppard says that despite the force having to identify almost £21 million of savings over the next three years, he is determined the public will not notice any difference to the service they receive.

Kent Police are in the early stages of their biggest ever reorganisation, which Mr Leppard will oversee until incoming Chief Constable Ian Learmonth arrives next month.

"The budget challenge is upon us and like all public services we are trying to find big-

### BY STEVE KNIGHT

ger savings over the next three years," he said. "There are many who think a cut to budgets means a cut to services, but this reorganisation is all about finding ways of working differently so frontline services can stay the same."

Mr Leppard revealed the force had already saved £5m through its collaboration with Essex Police, which includes the shared use of a helicopter and the launch this month of the new Serious Crime Directorate.

A small reduction in the number of officers and other staff is also likely, but the force would prefer to achieve this through natural wastage rather than redundancies.

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Mr Leppard said: "A good result for us would be that we reorganise and the public doesn't notice any difference at all, but I have a more ambitious aim and that's to actually improve the level of service. Can we get out

to more crimes and can we investigate more instances of anti-social behaviour than before?

"When the going gets tough, the tough get going, and Kent Police have a reputation for dealing with hard times effectively"

dealing with hard times effectively.<sup>5</sup>
In addition to the £20.8m savings over the next three years, the force must also identify an additional £2.7m from the 2010-11 budget of £285m and is limiting the number of recruits by 60 this financial year.

Kent Police Authority chairwoman Ann Barnes promised the restructure would not have an adverse effect on frontline services.

have an adverse effect on frontline services. She said: "We need to make savings and it's a pain that everyone shares. There's not a business or household in the country that isn't going through the same thing.

"I will make a personal commitment that frontline services will not be impacted.

"Due to the number of savings and efficiencies that must be made, the authority has to do more to ensure the force can work with what funding we have."

Mr Learmonth was announced as Kent's new Chief Constable last month, beating three other candidates to earn the right to replace former chief Mike Fuller.

The 52-year-old played a key role in an extensive reorganisation at Norfolk Constabulary, and his success was one of the factors in him landing the Kent job.

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Mrs Barnes said: "Ian has extensive experience of this sort of thing. He's been there and done it so none of this will be new to him."

# Alcohol strategy outlined

AREAS of Kent are "off the scale" for violence and sexual offences linked to alcohol.

Now a new three-year strategy has been developed by the Kent Action on Alcohol Steering Group to tackle the problem. The document outlines how agencies can work together to crack down on problems created by binge drinking and alcoholism.

There are about 200,000 "hazardous and harmful" drinkers living in Kent, with 11 per cent of males and 5.5 per cent of females exceeding the weekly recommended amount. A hazardous drinker is a woman who consumes up to 35 units per week, or a man up to 50 units.

In addition, the county has three districts — Dartford, Gravesham and Thanet — where alcoholrelated violent crime is higher than the national average. And there are seven districts where the rate of alcohol-related sexual offences is higher than the national average —

the national average – Sensiny, but where Ashford, Gravesham, Dartford, Maidstone, Shepway, Swale and Thanet.

Angela Slaven, director for youth and community support services at Kent County Council, helped devise the strategy.

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She said: "It's part of a national scheme to reduce harm caused by alcohol and drugs. It recognises that most people drink sensibly and safely and don't have any issues, but

that for some it can be problematic.

"People who get into difficulties with alcohol often find themselves entering the criminal justice and healthcare systems, and that's why we need a strategy a range of agencies can use. No one group is responsible for alcohol abuse because it's a problem for all of us. This is about us saying let's be clear

what we want to achieve."

According to the strategy, the number of alcohol-specific hospital admissions in Kent has almost doubled from 885 in 1997-98 to 1,454 in 2006-07. Meanwhile, the number of adults undergoing treatment for alcohol misuse more than doubled from 2005-06 to 2006-07, with the number of young people in treatment increasing from 115 to 271.

The strategy also raises the concern that although fewer young people are drinking alcohol in Kent, those who do are consuming more and from an earlier age. Mrs Slaven said:

"The strategy covers everything from the health perspective in terms of admissions to hospital, to police enforcement issues and with Trading Standards regarding underage sales. It's very broad. It's both a preventative agenda and something to help us stop future generations abusing alcohol."

Visit www.kent.gov.uk and search for Kent Alcohol Strategy 2010-13.



### **Councils look to cross-border savings**

**CHEERS:** Most Kentish people drink

sensibly, but there are problem areas

COUNTY Hall officials are looking at teaming up with a small Surrey council in a bid to save cash.

The partnership would involve providing revenue and benefits, finance and procurement, ICT and personnel services jointly through Kent County Council, and Reigate and Banstead Borough Council.

Town halls are faced with cuts in Government grants and KCC must save £15.6 million in its 2010-11 budget.

Cabinet member for corporate support services, Cllr Roger Gough, said in difficult times working in partnership across the public sector is doubly important.

"What is key about our work with Reigate and Banstead council on future joint delivery of services is that it is very wide-ranging," he said. "So far, we have mapped out the benefits. If the change is agreed in principle, we would proceed to more detailed planning."

would proceed to more detailed planning." Cllr Joan Spiers, leader of Reigate and Banstead council, said the partnership would help deal with the impact of the recession and local authorities' expected contribution to reducing the deficit.

She added: "KCC has an impressive track record and a partnership with it will mean these services will remain in the public sector for the foreseeable future while we benefit from the economies of scale a larger partner can brine."

A spokeswoman at Reigate and Banstead said the authority had chosen KCC over Surrey County Council due to a "shared vision".

She said: "The proposed shared service partnership for Surrey is running 18 months behind the work with Kent and does not meet Reigate and Banstead's agenda for cost reduction, improved resilience and maintaining service quality. This council and KCC share a vision of how public sector service can be delivered in the future."

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### **YOUR LETTERS**

### I'm bowled over by injuries and fixtures

This is a season which so far has tested us all enormously, both physically and mentally.

As captain, I am responsible for all Kent's players and they have been under huge strain with the crazy scheduling we've had to endure and the injuries and unavailability which has also hurt us a lot.

The last fortnight has been especially frenetic - even in a fixture list like this year's - and my message to the team has been to simply get on with it and learn to live with all the things that could start to get you down.

I think I am fortunate in that the Kent squad has been a relatively small but tight-knit unit for some years now, and so we have been used to dealing with the issues of injury and workload that seem so much a part of every English domestic cricket summer

This past week, including today, we have played three Friends Provident t20 matches in five days - at three different venues - having just finished last Monday a fourday match against

Nottinghamshire at Tunbridge Wells, which came immediately after two floodlit Twenty20 matches in Essex and Hampshire on the two evenings before. Crazy!

While we were driving back from the Rose Bowl late at night, and trying to get some rest before turning up at the Nevill Ground on the Friday morning for some practice and loosening-up ahead of the first day start at noon - they did give us an extra hour's grace at least - the Notts boys were able to have a nice lie-in having travelled down to Tunbridge Wells the day before.

But having every county operating on a level playing field does not seem to be the main consideration of the fixtureplanners and, as I say, as players we just have to get on with it and

try to compete as best we can.
Sadly, the workload of the first
two months of this crowded season, plus playing in those two Twenty20s at Essex and Hampshire immediately before the Notts game meant that Amjad Khan broke down with a hamstring injury right at the end of the long, hot opening day in the field during the Tunbridge Wells championship match

Amjad will be out of action for at least a fortnight, and so that will further stretch our bowling resources during this first half of the Twenty20 campaign.

I suppose the fact we now have just one County Championship fixture before late July – the game at Hampshire on July 5 – means Amjad can concentrate on getting himself over this hamstring strain in the short-term.

But it is his ability to bowl at the death in limited-overs cricket that we will miss. We have been fortunate in recent years to have had bowlers of the calibre of Azhar Mahmood,

# yourblogger

Adrian Chiles might already be regretting his World Cup transfer to ITV, suggests Dave Mairs

IT'S all started so horribly - as deep in our hearts we knew it would.

England? Well, obviously. But, no, the really fascinating performance of our World Cup summer was always going to be that of Adrian Chiles.

Amid great fanfare, the former Match of the Day 2 and

One Show host departed the BBC to host ITV's coverage of this wonderful tournament.

Born partly of a fit of pique over the lining-up of Chris Evans for his Friday night One Show appointment with Christine Bleakley, the move has begged the question: should a sports presenter ever switch sides to ITV?

The answer has invariably been 'No' – and sadly the likeable, everyman, hugely-intelligent-but-with-that-common-touch Mr Chiles appears to be following a

wholly familiar and unhappy course.

Those of a certain tooth-length will remember Bob Wilson. The former Arsenal and Scotland goalkeeper chucked in his BBC frontman role to wind down his career with ITV. And wound down it certainly was - far more grimly than he could ever have envisaged.

It all concerns the crossing of an invisible line – something that transforms a man from a competent or even talented presenter to at best a nobody and at worst a clown.

In truth, Bob was never a TV natural, but while with the Beeb he did the job sufficiently in an age when expectations were lower. Once the switch to ITV was made, however, his drabness was magnified to the extent that his studio performances were an embarrassment.

It was the same with Des Lynam: OK with the BBC – next to useless with ITV.

This odd process does not even have to occur sequentially - you can witness it evolving in a strangely parallel world.

Take Gabriele Marcotti - the Italian-American football journalist you hear on BBC Radio 5 Live football debate. Here his wisdom, articulacy and passion for the game make him one of the station's strongest pundits.

Now picture him during ITV Champions League nights. It cannot be the same man, surely.

Gone is the wisdom, gone is the insight, gone is any kind of meaningful contribution. Instead we have a distressingly overweight buffoon stuck in a sofa grunting the sort of inanity you hear down the pub. Another who's crossed that invisible line.

All of which brings us back to Adrian Chiles. If anyone was going to make that transition and win, it had to be him, but already he has the haunted look of a man who has awoken to the calamitous error he has made.

He looks pained, awkward, lacking any kind of chemistry with his studio companions. Sadly missing is that easygoing, sharp patter that made Match of the Day 2 such a treat and justified a late finish to our Sunday nights.

It's no excuse to suggest the stultifying mediocrity of Andy Townsend and Gareth Southgate is simply too overwhelming – Chiles knew what he was letting himself in for. Perhaps the lure was that, in appearing next to Southgate, the only man on television uglier than himself, he would be covering the sole flaw in his armoury.

But, of course, Chiles's talented ordinariness was one

of his greatest strengths.

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Yasir Arafat and Ryan McLaren to bowl the death overs that can make all the difference to whether these games are won or lost

Now, with Amjad injured, we only have Azhar left as a specialist.

Darren Stevens has already done a great job either with the new ball or at the end, and Matt Coles is another candidate to bowl at the top or bottom of a Twenty20 innings

We have kept James Tredwell, who rather unfortunately missed out on being picked for the England one-day squad and he has teamed up well with Malinga Bandara, who I believe is going to be very important for us.

Malinga has settled in well, and quickly, and I was pleased that he and Tredwell enjoyed lengthy bowls in tandem against

Nottinghamshire. That was particularly good for Banda, as he needed to get some early overs under his belt in English conditions

He strikes me as being a similar sort of cricketer to Paul Strang, the Zimbabwe leg-spinning all-rounder who was a big success in his one season at Kent as overseas player in the late 1990s.

Like Strang, Banda can also bat well and his ability to turn the ball both ways - his googly is a good one will come in very handy during the rest of this season.

For the moment, though, this season continues to be a massive challenge for us as a team, and myself as captain.

I'm just hoping we do not pick up any more injuries and that the likes of Amjad and James Hockley are fit again after a couple of weeks.

Missing Tredwell in the early weeks of the season, because of his World Twenty20 selection, and having Robbie Joseph out injured, was balanced by Ntini's short-term signing.

But it would be nice, at some stage, to have a full-strength bowling attack available

Rob Key, Kent captain and former England

### Where there's a will there's cancer hope

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Nancy Kirkham, Macmillan legacy adviser

### **Nuclear funding could** be better spent

With regard to the forthcoming Government consultation on the proposed cuts in spending – the elephant in the room; one of many no doubt – remains the insistence on going ahead with Trident nuclear missile renewal and two new aircraft carriers.

These current estimates show the likely cost to the taxpayer is well over £100 billion and rising. Meanwhile the real, as I see it, culprits for our supposedly dire financial situation remain the bankers, boardroom bosses and their political allies in all Party's.

Why then isn't it they who should bear the main cost of repaying the tax bail-outs of the banks and their reckless casino 'adventures' on the

UK's and World's stockmarkets, rather than the rest of us, especially those at the bottom?

These latter being people on lowincomes, low pensions and benefits. The last mentioned in particular are likely to face swinging attacks from the DWP - which is speedily becoming known as the Dept of Workhouse and Poor-law – merely to save money despite the fact that virtually all the financial experts and even benefits agency staff are saying jobs are not available anyway.

Indeed, in letters to national newspapers recently by former and serving benefits agency staff, it was pointed out that whilst there are about five million disability benefit claimants, of all types, there's barely half a million job vacancies for the around 2.5 million and rising, able minded/bodied people.

As regards those sick and disabled specifically, forcing people into penury for a long wait for a job which they probably would not want to do anyway, would only make their situations and illnesses far worse. Indeed staff at MIND centres have seen such time and again for those with mental health problems.

Further, those people on disability benefits need carrots only, not sticks, and to be placed in jobs which they both genuinely wish to do, enjoy and have an aptitude for.

A large part of the answer as I and others see it, is to cancel Trident missiles along with the carriers and put the money saved there into the proposed Green New

Recall that after World War Two it was Japan and the then West Germany who were banned from having nuclear weapons and so became the economic powerhouses of their day. Similar could happen again if we ditch nuclear.

This I suggest could help start to create decently paid jobs and training in many industries including, and especially the renewable tech and related sectors, transport and eco/social housing. Further turn all the banks into, or back into, mutuals and co-op's with their 'casino' operations separated off and run at their own risk entirely.

Many currently private firms could also be turned into social enterprises of one form or another thus ditching rapacious shareholders and others syphoning their dosh away into tax havens. Indeed I wonder just how much overall tax avoidance there is which needs to be tackled instead of always reverting to bashing the worst off?

Finally, save even more tax money by cancelling the prison building programme and substituting far cheaper schemes, and indeed jobs, to stop people getting into trouble in the first place. For those who do end up entering the criminal justice system, a fully-funded rehabilitation service with follow ups is still better value for money in terms of improving people's lives.

So don't get browbeaten by Cameron's scare tactics get active in promoting the better alternatives.

Ray Duff, by email

# Women set to reveal full horror of being forced into marriage

SURVIVORS of forced marriages are to reveal their heartbreaking ordeals as part of a pioneering roadshow touring the most at-need areas of the country.

National charity Karma Nirvana, which supports victims of forced marriages and honour based-abuse, highlighted Kent as one of 11 places that would benefit from the event, with its large Asian community in the north of the county.

the county.

Anna Hardy, from the Derby-based organisation, said host areas were also selected in relation to the number of calls received through the charity's helpline.

"We get a breakdown of all the places we receive calls from and Kent was one those," she said.

"We're holding the roadshows in the run-up to the summer holdays as it's usually the busiest period for us."

Young people are most at risk of forced marriages over the summer holidays.

In June last year, the charity's helpline received more than 750 calls – double the normal monthly average.

A Home Affairs Select Committee report also

A Home Affairs Select Committee report also found that in 2008, 2,000 school students went missing nationally, with a large number from ethic minority communities believed to be forced into marriage.

### BY MARIJKE COX

Forced marriages are different from arranged marriages, where both parties give consent. Often victims are taken abroad and some are subjected to a life of abuse.

Gurvinda Sandher, assistant director of the Kent Equality Cohesion Council, said that in March the organisation held the Listen to Our Voices Women's event which addressed domestic abuse and forced marriages.

It was held in Gravesham, which has one of the largest Asian communities in Kent, and is home to the new Sikh temple.

More than 300 women and young girls attended and Mr Sandher said it was positive to see so many people there.

"If you look at forced marriages, times have changed, but from time to time they are taking place," he said. "We need to raise awareness, not just with forced marriages, but with domestic violence too – these are things that are not really spoken about by people."

The Kent Karma Ñirvana roadshow – which has no spaces left – will be at the police college in Maidstone tomorrow (Thursday).

Det Supt Maria Shepherd, head of the Public Protection Unit at Kent Police, thanked Karma Nirvana for helping agencies better understand the needs of specific communities through its roadshow.



**AWARENESS:** The roadshow is coming to Kent because of its large Asian population

"Everyone has the right to live their life free from fear and violence," she said. "Domestic abuse can happen in any home, regardless of race, sexuality, age, class or educational level.

"There is a lot of under-reporting in Kent and Medway. It is vital the public has confidence in Kent Police to deal with domestic abuse and we encourage victims to come forward and report this horrendous crime."

In 2008, the Forced Marriage (Civil Protection) Act 2007 was passed, allowing family courts to make protection orders for victims. These can prevent a marriage from taking place or stop someone from being taken abroad.

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Those who break the order face a prison sentence of up to two years.

• Call the Karma Nirvana helpline on 01332 604098 or 0800 5999 247 or see www.karmanirvana.org.uk for details.

### Military veterans on the wrong arm of law

A CHARITY has explained shocking arrest figures for ex-military personnel, claiming the stress of being a 'killing machine' can get too much.

Death of comrades and difficulty in adjusting back to civilian life were also blamed by the Soldiers, Sailors, Airman and Families Association (SSAFA) Forces Help for the high number of servicemen in trouble with the law.

The alarming figures released by Kent Police and SSAFA revealed how in just three months, between April 12-June 6, 232 former and current servicemen were arrested — an average of four a day — with a third for violent crime.

The majority were men aged 18-29 and

almost half were unemployed.
Kent Police is the first force in the country to carry out such a study, adapting its custody computer system to ask detained people if they were ex-forces.

### **Difficulties**

Kent soldiers are based at Shorncliffe Barracks, Folkestone; Howe Barracks, Canterbury; Brompton Barracks, Medway; and Invicta Army Barracks, Maidstone.

Supt Neil Jerome said the force recognised that some former military personnel faced difficulties after service.

"We have recognised the need to use specialised knowledge to support ex-service personnel, who may have had considerable difficulties following experiences in combat and adjusting to life outside the Armed Forces," he said.

Ex-military personnel arrested in Kent are given information before release offering contacts for support groups and organisations.

 For help contact SSAFA Forces Help on 020 7403 8783, Combat Stress 0800 169 2277 or Service Personnel and Veterans Agency 0800 169 2277.

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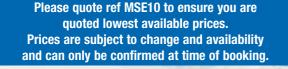
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MARK 5ft 9ins, 48, blue eyes, likes nights out, gym, pubs, clubs, seeks female, 42-50 for friendship, fun and more. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334611

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TALL slim, dark haired, attractive male young 54, seeks attractive, slim female for fun times. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 334557

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ROBERT 68, professor of Archaeology retired, MS sufferer, seeks female, 55-65 for friendship and companionship. Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 379732

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### **LIVE & LOCAL**

### **Steps to help charity**

TALENTED dance students will show off their skills in aid of charity next week.

Maidstone Dance Studio stages a showcase every two years and Dance Fantasia 2010 can be seen at the Hazlitt Theatre from Tuesday (Jun 29) to next Saturday (Jul 3). Proceeds will go to the Kent Hospice. Tickets cost £11/£9.50.

Book at www.hazlittartscentre.co.uk or call 01622 758611.

### **Author talk is a gift**

LOCAL author Giselle Green will be talking about her new book at Rochester Library on Monday (Jun 28).

A Sister's Gift, which is set in and around Rochester, deals with issues of surrogacy and sisterhood. The talk starts at 7pm and admission is free, but booking is advised.

Further information call 01634 337411 or visit www.medway.gov.uk/libraries.

### Make a cultural note

KENT Music invites young people to join its new Cross Cultural Music Group in Gravesend.

As one of four new ensembles, the group combines Western and Indian music traditions to create interesting music. Workshops are held at the Riverside Community Centre at 5pm on Thursdays. For details email workshops@kent-

### **Knock-out sport event**

MEMBERS of the 50 Plus Club can show off their skills today (Wednesday) as part of the Medway Festival of Sport.

From 10am to 2pm, club members are invited to play their favourite sports in a free, knockout-style tournament at Medway Park.

To find out more call 01634 338761 or email getactive@medway.gov.uk.

### **Enjoying a pizza music**

PERFORMERS are welcome to entertain the crowd at Pizza Express's Cabaret Night in Maidstone next week.

Singers, musicians, comedians and other acts are invited to perform from 8pm on Thursday, July 1. The Roger Lewin Trio and Sarah-Jane and Bonnie Hassell are already on the bill.

Tickets cost £5. Find out more online at www.pizzaexpresslive.com.

### Variety performance

STARS of the future perform in a variety double bill at Chatham's Central Theatre on Sunday.

Junior students from the Mandy Ellen Dance School will perform at 1.30pm,

followed by senior dancers at 6.30pm.

Tickets cost £8.50 to include both performances. Book online at www.thecentraltheatre.co.uk or call 01634 338338.

### **Fantasy, Fact and Fiction**

MORE young dancers can be seen at the Brook Theatre in Chatham on Friday and Saturday.

The Linda Regan School of Dance presents Fantasy, Fact and Fiction, a show that explores characters and

themes from fairytales and reality.

Tickets cost £7. Book on 01634 338338 or visit www.thebrooktheatre.co.uk.



### Alice Through the Looking Glass and Great Expectations will be thrilling audiences during open air productions by Quantum Theatre

TWO classic stories will be performed in the open air as Quantum Theatre invites audiences to step into the literary world.

Audiences will be entertained by the work of two iconic writers with very different styles, as the company presents Alice Through the Looking Glass and Great Expectations.

From the enchanting adventures of a young girl in a topsy-turvy world to the thrilling exploits of a boy making his way in Victorian society, there will be plenty to enjoy in these lovely outdoor settings.

On Friday, Trosley Country Park near Meopham hosts an evening performance of Lewis Carroll's Alice Through the Looking-Glass, a magical tale that has captivated readers for nearly 130 years. Following on from Alice's remarkable adventures in Wonderland, the second story opens six months later on a

### **ALICE THROUGH THE LOOKING GLASS** and GREAT EXPECTATIONS

Friday, June 25 and Saturday, June 26 Trosley Country Park and Shorne Woods Country Park

cold wintry night and sees Alice wondering what life is like on the other side of the looking

Remarkably, she is able to step through the large glass in her house and finds herself in a mirror image of her home, where she discovers some astonishing objects and people. Her new adventure brings Alice into contact with such unforgettable characters as Tweedledum and Tweedledee, Humpty Dumpty and the Red Queen, while a very strange book introduces the nonsense poem, Jabberwocky.

On Saturday, one of Charles Dickens' most enduringly popular stories will be performed at Shorne Woods Country Park, near

Gravesend. The tale opens with one of English literature's most memorable scenes - young Pip is accosted by an escaped convict as he visits his parent's graves one murky Christmas Eve and is terrified into stealing food from his bullying sister in order to feed the hungry outlaw. He also takes a file to help the convict remove his shackles and the resulting guilt will play on his mind for many years to come. But his kindness to the criminal is not forgotten and Pip has not seen the last of the terrifying Magwitch.

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When Pip visits Miss Havisham, he meets her adopted daughter Estella and falls in love with her. But in order to take her revenge on men, Miss Havisham is coaching Estella to become cold and heartless towards her admirers. Her actions will have far-reaching consequences as Pip tries to make his way in socie-

Both productions are original adaptations by Quantum Theatre's artistic director, Michael Whitmore. The company tours outdoor venues with both adaptations of classic stories and new productions, entertaining audiences in lovely open air settings.

There will be bars and snacks available at Trosley and the onsite cafe at Shorne Woods will be serving various hot meals, along with local wine and cider. Picnic hampers can also be pre-booked for both shows.

Performances start at 7pm on Friday and 6pm on Saturday. Tickets for one show cost £15 for adults, £10 for children, £45 for families of four and £35 for families of three, or alternatively, combined tickets for both shows are available, priced at £27.50/£17.50 and £75/£55 for families. The shows are suitable for children aged eight and above. Booking is required, so call 0845 824 7600.







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Dessert: Deep-filled lemon meringue pie. Telephone 01227 750304

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### **Blowing your trumpet**

VETERAN jazz drummer Teddy Pope is joined by trumpet legend Dick Pearce for a concert in Folkestone.

The Teddy Pope Quartet will be per-forming in Keppels Music Room at The Grand from 8.30pm on Thursday (Jun 24). Keyboard player Cliff Hall and double

bassist Alex Keen complete the line-up. Admission costs £5. To book seats call 01303 277175.

### Young book signing

SCREENWRITER Gary Young will be signing copies of his latest graphic novel at Whatever Comics this weekend.

On Saturday (Jun 26), the man behind the hit Michael Caine film, Harry Brown, will be promoting historical adventure Madam Samurai at the shop

in Canterbury, which opens at 10am.

For more information call Whatever Comics on 01227 453226.

### **Boot scoot to dance**

KICK up your heels on Friday (Jun 25) when the Faversham Society hosts a barn dance in Throwley.

The event features music from Mike Wheeler and the Watershed Band. The dance takes place at Town Place Barn at 7.30pm and tickets, £7, are available from the Fleur de Lis Heritage Centre on 01795 534542 or rod.morley@ukgateway.net.

### **Picnic at King's Wood**

WATCH the sun set on the longest day of the year at the Stour Valley Arts Midsummer Picnic.

The picnic marks the 10th anniversary of Lukasz Skapski's Via Luceum Continens installation in King's Wood, Challock. Meet at King's Wood car park,

7pm, Thursday (Jun 24) with a picnic. For details call 01233 740040 or email info@stourvalleyarts.org.uk.

### Festival fundraiser

HELP raise money to fund Ashford Festival in the Park by enjoying an evening of music on Sunday (Jun 27).

Taking place at the William Harvey pub in Willesborough from 4pm to 9pm,

Harvey Fest features performances by the North Park Hillbillies, Five Floors Up, Dockyard Rock and Dan Blood.

There will also be a raffle and a quiz.

### Children are dancing

YOUNG dancers from the Rhythm Express School of Dance will perform an exciting showcase on Saturday and Sunday (Jun 26 & 27).

Dancers as young as four will be tak-ing part in We're Dancing, which can be seen at the Granville Theatre in Ramsgate. Tickets cost £8 in advance or £9 on the door and can be booked by calling 01843 591750.

### **Cutting secret show**

HEAR secrets from the hairdresser's chair in a show by Bright Shadow

Theatre Company.

As part of We All Do Good Things, Tales From The Chair can be seen in a secret location in Herne Bay. Meet at William Street and Mortimer Street, 7.30pm, Friday (Jun 25) or Saturday (Jun 26). Admission is free. Book on 01227 811800.



### There's so much laughter to be found as The Comedy Club comes to east Kent boasting an array of top comedians to guarantee a great night

LAUGHTER is always on the THE COMEDY CLUB menu when The Comedy Club visits venues in East Kent.

At every event, the club presents three top comedians that are sure to tickle funny bones, from established acts to rising new talent. The circuit provided launch pads for the career of many of today's most acclaimed comics, such as Jimmy Carr, Michael McIntyre, Al Murray and Jason Manford, so comedy fans know they can look forward to an evening of top quality laughter. Audiences can also enjoy meal and accommodation deals to turn the show into a real night out.

On Thursday, Ramada Dover welcomes Kevin Shepherd, Liam Mullone and Eddy Brimson. Shepherd will be keeping in order in his role as MC, setting the tone for



Thursday, June 24 and Friday, June 25 Ramada Dover and Ashford International Hotel

the evening and keeping the laughter flowing between acts. His high energy act and likeable persona produced his first Edinburgh Festival Fringe show, Kevin Shepherd: Comics Die in Hot Cars and his career has even taken him to Bahrain.

Since launching his career eight years ago, opening act Liam Mullone has charmed audiences with his surreal flights of fancy and sharp linguistic ability. Having progressed far in several major competitions, he is become a comic force to be reckoned with and is heading for big things.

As well as making people laugh, headliner Eddy Brimson has also ventured into acting and appeared on a variety of television shows such as Absolutely Fabulous, The Thin Blue Line, Casualty, The Bill and Eastenders. He will also be familiar for regular talking head appearances on radio and TV programmes, plus he has written a series of humorous books featuring his anecdotes and stories.

The line-up for Ashford's Comedy Club on Friday is just as impressive, with the warm and witty John Ryan acting as MC for the night. With his encyclopaedic intelligence and engaging personality, Ryan is able to connect with any audience. His interest in health led to a successful show about men's physical issues, through ongoing projects with the London Science Museum and Unison.

During his seven-year career, Gerry K has built a reputation for being one of the circuit's most energetic and likeable comics. Combining his honest and observational humour with a charming persona, he has won a number of awards and has co-hosted the football forum for Zoo Magazine.

Award-winning comedian, singer and song-writer Richard Morton has made many televi-

FUNNYMEN: Top, Eddy Brimson; left Gerry K; and right,

sion appearances and is a regular on Channel Five, as well as landing his own half-hour special, Richard Morton Live at the Comedy Store. His CV boasts appearances on Jack Dee's Saturday Night, Funny Business, The Stand-Up Show and the Jack Docherty Chat Show.

The show at Ramada Dover starts at 9pm and doors open at 7pm. Tickets cost £12 for the comedy only or comedy fans can add a two-course meal costing £20 inclusive. To book tickets call 01304 872843 or email events@ramadadover.co.uk.

Ashford International Hotel's show also starts at 9pm and tickets cost £14 for the comedy or £20 to include a two-course meal, £18 for Comedy Club members. Tickets can be booked by calling 01233 219988. Accommodation, ticket and meal deals are also on offer at both hotels, contact the venue for further information.

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### **C'MON EVERYBODY**

Friday, June 25, Granville Theatre, Ramsgate



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Whether you remember the hits from the first time around or have since discovered the timeless wonder of rock 'n' roll, this acclaimed tribute show recreates the excitement of the 50s with a fast-paced tribute show.

Created by guitarist Mike 'Fender' Black, the show has been running for five years and has been described by critics as 'the most ambitious show seen outside the West End'. So find those old drape jackets and circle skirts,

get your dancing feet in order and prepare to enjoy an evening of non-stop musical nostalgia.

From the likes of Buddy Holly, Billy Haley and Eddie Cochran to Brenda Lee and Connie Francis, the show includes tributes to many legends of the era. With numerous costume changes and great lighting, the show is packed with unforgettable hits like Rock Around the Clock, Three Steps to Heaven, Oh Boy! and Whole Lotta Shakin' Goin' On.

The show starts at 7.30pm and tickets cost £15. To book call the box office on 01843 591750.



### **LOUNGE ON THE FARM**

**LUUNGE UN THE FARM**Friday, July 9 to Sunday, July 11, Merton Farm, Canterbury



AMONG the many diverse acts due to appear at this year's Lounge on the Farm, Toots and the Maytals will be a reggae highlight. The award-winning festival

has assembled a stellar line-up of performers in a wide variety of genres and on Sunday, July 11, some real ska-reggae legends will take to the stage at the Cow Shed. Since the early beginnings of ska in the 1960s, Toots and the Maytals have been at the forefront of the movement and made some of the most enduringly popular and recognisable tunes in their field.

Originally known as The Maytals, the band will be visiting Canterbury with original singer Frederick 'Toots' Hibbert at the microphone, giving festival-goers the chance to hear some reggae classics performed live. The band is sure to delight established fans and win new admirers with live renditions of Pressure Drop, Sweet and Dandy, Monkey Man and 54-46 Was My Number. Toots and the Maytals perform at 8,20pm on Sunday, July 11.

Adult tickets cost £40 for one day and £95 for the weekend. To book call 0844 888 9991 or visit www.loungeonthefarm.co.uk.

### IT'S NOT JUST BOYS' FUN

Friday, June 25, Westcoast, Margate



GIRLS will be having all the fun when Westcoast presents a celebration of female music talent.

Determined to show that women can rock out just as much as men, the organiser decided to present a night of great female acts for It's Not

Four fantastic bands will be hitting all the right notes on Friday and hopefully inspiring other ladies to get into the groove and form a band.

The headline act will be old-school rock trio STARK, an original and fun band from New York

City. Formed in 2003, the band is fronted by Lani Ford who had already been playing bass and singing with other groups and is also an actress, radio DJ and weather presenter on Fox TV

The bright and energetic Girlfixer draw their influences from bands like The Distillers and will galvanise the crowd with their brand of punk rock.

Also on the bill is local acoustic duo Light

Enthusiasm, which plays a mixture of cover versions and original songs.

New wave punk band Tiny Tigers will open the show, which starts at 7.30pm.

Admission costs £4.



### **HAITI BENEFIT CONCERT**



Saturday, June 26 and Sunday, June 27 Memorial Theatre, Broadstairs

CELEBRATE the arts while raising money for a good cause when Sarah Thorne Theatre Club hosts a Haiti benefit concert on Saturday.

Inscribing the Island Literature presents an entertaining evening of music, song, dance and the spoken word in aid of those affected by the disastrous earthquake in Haiti earlier this year. Performers include guitarist Sam

Palacios, soloist Kanisia Mounty, poets Maggie Harris, Vicky Wilson and Michael Curtis, Thanet Write Women, storyteller Adrian O, The Broadstairs Gospel Choir and Masque Theatre School.

The event, which starts at 7pm, will also mark the launch of the anthology, 60 Poems for Haiti and tick-

On Sunday, the current series of Sarah Thorne Spring Classical Concerts will end with performances by flautist Hanah Lang and pianist Peter Hewitt, playing works by Bach, Mozart and Faure.

The concert starts at 3pm and tickets cost £8 for adults and £5 for children. To book call 0845 262 6263 or reserve seats by emailing info@sarahthorne-theatreclub.co.uk. Non-members must book at least 24 hours in advance.

### DAVID JONES



Tuesday, June 29 White Lion Saddlery, Tenterden

FOLK singer David Jones travels all the way from the US to perform for Tenterden Folk Club next week.

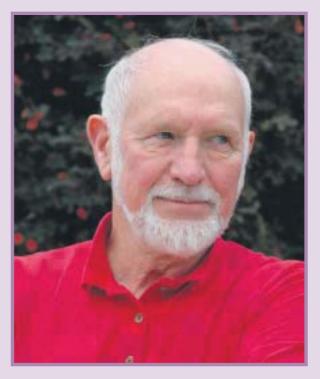
The English-born performer now lives in New Jersey and has amassed a strong repertoire of songs from both sides of the Atlantic. His career has also taken him to Europe and Australia, singing numbers from the great maritime tradition, ballads and contemporary works.

With the ability to perform both with guitar accompaniment and a capella, Jones is a compelling performer who encourages his audiences to join in the fun.

During his career Jones has worked with a variety of impressive names, such as Jeff Warner, Jeff Davis and Jerry Epstein as the Bermuda Quadrangle. He sang with the late Tom Gibney as Poor Old Horse and he continues to perform as a duo with Heather Wood

As well as being a highly respected singer, Jones is also an actor and he has appeared in many theatre and broadcast productions

The concert starts at 8pm and tickets cost £6 in advance or £7 on the door. To book call 01233 626805 or email info@tenterdenfolkfestival.org.uk.









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# **Musicians will** take over castle



**SCHOOL OF ROCK:** Pupils from across Medway will be performing on the outdoor stage

### BY SIMON ROBINSON

THE School of Rock will once again take over Rochester Castle next month for the annual Under Siege one-dayer.

Pupils from schools across Medway will perform on a large outdoor stage in the picturesque surrounds of the historic Norman keep on Sunday, July 18 – the day after the castle plays host to the final Summer Concert.

The bill boasts a total of 17 acts,

The bill boasts a total of 17 acts, including jazz/funk artist Jack Holton, classical soloist Tabitha Reynolds and MidKent College's R&B stars The Fellowship.

Folk outfit Autumn Venture, made up of musicians from Rochester Math, Rochester Grammar School and Chatham Grammar School for Boys, will also apnear

Lead singer Tom Heath, 16, said the band were ready to per-

form at their biggest gig to date. He said: "We think the nerves will hit us on the day when we see the stage up close. We have been practising with live audiences at

practising with live audiences at gigs and jam nights to prepare."

MidKent College's Bekki Lowings, also 16, said she was looking forward to performing musical theatre at the castle.

"Tm very excited," she said. "It's a massive audience and everyone I know will be there."

Under Siege gives up-and-coming artists and bands from across Medway the chance to perform on the Castle Concerts stage with professional equipment and an

experienced crew on hand.

Medway Council leader Rodney
Chambers said: "This year we have
been able to give even more young people the chance to perform in a professional environment and in front of a large audience.

"Under Siege continues to go from strength to strength, showcasing the enormous range of talent we have in Medway, and I am sure that this year's event will be the best yet.

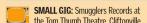
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"This is a wonderful event which perfectly rounds off the Castle Concerts season.

"I hope everyone will come along and enjoy seeing and hearing the young people perform."

Under Siege will take place from 1pm-3.30pm (gates open 12noon) and admission is free. For details visit www.castleconcerts.co.uk.

The concert is being organised by Medway Council in partnership with Mid Kent College and Training Them Live.



LEARNING THE ROPES: John Fahey, centre, learns the art of scuba-diving with the Buccaneer Diving School in the three-star hotel Mnarani

# Plumbing the depths proves an enlightening experience

### BY JOHN FAHEY

GASPING for air in the glistening infinity pool of Kenya's Mnarani Beach Club, I decided clear scubadiving was not my bag.

Unable to get a mouthpiece between my lips without gagging, there was little hope of going under the water, let alone 'diving' in the Indian Ocean off Kilifi Creek, near Mombasa. Relaxing poolside in the 35C heat— in early December—would be my

concession to the waves. Or, so I dreamed for a few seconds as a childhood fear water got the better of me.

I was in Kenya as a watersports virgin keen to dip my paddle for the

Neilson, an operator specialising in winter and watersports holidays, found an absolute gem with the Mnarani. The three-star hotel, 50 kilometres north of Mombasa, is an idyllic beachside retreat - complete with sailing, diving, windsurfing, canoeing, waterskiing, wakeboarding, snorkelling and mountain-biking.

Every sport is on offer for the expe rienced and the, like me, totally inexperienced. But it wouldn't always be like that as my introduc-

try pool session continued.
Tim Nderito-Rendell, Buccaneer
Diving School manager, based on the
hotel's beach, didn't seem too worried.

Eventually, after learning the rudiments, I was chugging out to sea and nervously thinking what to do if I lost my airpipe or got a mask full of the ocean's turquoise finest.

We sailed out to Bofa Lagoon. It seemed in the middle of the Indian Ocean, but was actually only 20 minutes out and, thank God, only

### FACT FILE: KENYA

**Time difference** + Three hours (GMT) **Capital** Nairobi Language Swahili and English **Population** 39,000,000 Currency Kenyan shilling (£1 to 117) Religion Christian (78 per cent)



John Fahey was a guest of Neilson Active Holidays, which offers seven nights at the Mnarani Beachclub in Kilifi from £709, including return flights between Gatwick and Mombasa, transfers, club board (daily breakfast, three lunches, four dinners), windsurfing, dinghy-sailing, RYA tuition and RYA courses, guided mountain-biking, kayaking, a 'try dive' and children's clubs (five to 14 years).

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seven or eight metres deep. Entering the water, I held the anchor chain as Tim reassured me and monitored my descent. Calming down, I was privy to the hidden world of the sea bed.

I saw wrass, chocolate dips, lion fish, seaslugs, golden leaf fish and plenty more as well as a carnival of coral – psychedelic in its colours.

There are 4,600 species of fish living in Kenya's diving waters – the Red Sea has half that and the

Caribbean just a quarter.
Fifty minutes exploring the seabed passed in a flash of neon fishes and l emerged from the water feeling elated that I'd overcome my fears.

After lunch on the Mnarani's secluded and private sandy cove beach bar it was time for dinghy-sailing.

In a new three-man Laser Bahia dinghy, Neilson resort manager Jo

Roberts had me criss-crossing the creek for an hour, learning to tack and gyb - turning up and down wind – and learning to say "a flappy sail is not a happy sail". Despite no experience of sailing, I was surprised by how much I enjoyed it – and what I learned in a short period.

Most nights entertainment is provided too - I especially enjoyed the Mozambique Boys, a group of acrobats actually from Kilifi, and with the kind of talent that would win

any of Britain's prime-time shows.
For one meal at Kilifi Boatyard, we rode on mountain bikes through shanty villages. Kenya is achingly poor, and we cycled through sandy alleys where communities existed in ramshackle huts.

After lunch I kayaked the 3km back to the hotel. At last, I had found something at which I seemed to excel.

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BERLINGO, 600 LX HDi Refrigerated Chiller Freezer, kr07xoy, white, 27000 miles, £7595, Sevenoaks, 01474

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- A2, FSI Sport, 2003, metallic -dolphin grey, 39982 miles, £6999, Ramsgate, 0844 856 4496 (TRADE)
- A2, 1.4 SE, 2001, silver, 70059 miles, £4000, Ashford, 0844 826 5918 (TRADE)
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### Research suggests we could be heading for a market double dip

HOUSE prices could be set for a slow-down in the second half of the year after figures from Halifax showed they fell by 0.4 per cent last month.

The picture was supported by data from Nationwide, Britain's biggest building society, which recorded growth of a mere 0.5 per cent in May half the 1.1 per cent gain in April.

Also, the annual rate of house price inflation dropped back to 9.8 per cent from 10.5 per cent in April, raising fears of a double dip for the property market.

### Prediction

Ed Stansfield of Capital Economics said: "It is still early days but our prediction last month that April would be the high-water mark for house price inflation appears to have been borne out. House prices continue to rise but easing supply shortages, overvaluation and, of course, the weak economic backdrop all argue for renewed falls later this year.

But other analysts are more positive with Martin Gahbauer, Nationwide's chief economist, predicting prices will rise modestly over the year.

He said: "Housing market conditions remain characterised by thin transaction volumes and a relative scarcity of properties for sale, despite a slow return of more sellers in recent months."

### Going it alone could be harder as prices rise

MORE than a third of people - 37 per cent - who purchased a new home over the last four years bought it on their own, new research shows

Just under a third - 29 per cent - waited until they were married before making their first foray into the housing market since 2006, according to a recent Santander survey

This is a stark contrast to trends before the 1970s, when 84 per cent of people bought their first home with their spouse, while only ten per cent of firsttime buyers bought on their own before 1980.

However, house prices are on the rise again, which could make it harder for couples or singletons to buy a property.

The latest figures from the Land Registry indicate that April house prices were 0.2 per cent higher than in March, with the average home now costing £165.596



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MARKET BOOST: The number of homes being put up for sale has risen by a third since May 20, when ministers called time on Home Information Packs giving the market a boost

# HIPs scrappage has given legs to property market

THE Government's decision to scrap Home Information Packs has resulted in an increase in activity across the housing market.

The UK's biggest estate agency has reported that the number of homes being put up for sale has risen by a third since May 20, when ministers called time on the packs.

Many analysts had found the packs to be a distraction for both buyers and sellers and said they added unnecessary complexity to property deals.

According to Countrywide, new instructions are up 68 per cent compared with the same period last year, and back to levels last seen in September 2007.

HIPs were introduced in England and Wales three years ago, despite strong opposition from the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors and National Association of Estate Agents.

Costing about £300 a time, they were immediately blamed for distorting the market by removing speculative sellers.

However, the UK housing market may not benefit from a flurry of new vendors at this stage in its recovery.

According to the RICS, new instructions have been outstripping new buyer interest since March, with the inevitable downward pressure on prices.

Nicola Neilson, who is head of Latimer

### BY **NICK AMES**

Hinks Residential Property Department, believes that HIPs were a significant barrier, particularly to home owners who wanted to

test the state of the property market.

Ms Neilson said: "Many speculative sellers were put off from putting their house on the market by the cost of commissioning a HIP, which could run to several hundred pounds.

"Now this barrier has been removed, home owners are more likely to put their house up for sale to see if there is any interest, which should help stimulate the market.

"There are other obstacles that need addressing such as a lack of mortgage finance - an issue particularly affecting first-time buyers - which would further support a revival in the housing market. However, the decision to waive the need for a HIP is a step in the right direction.

However house sellers are reminded that they still need an Energy Performance Certificate, which was previously part of the

### Asset sales rise could be damaging

THE commercial property industry is warning a sharp rise in distressed asset sales could damage a recovery in the market.

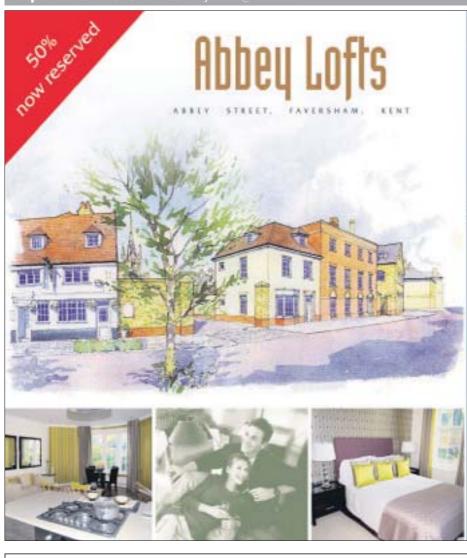
Oliver Gilmartin, senior economist at the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), which conducted a survey into trends, said distressed asset sales are a "thunderous cloud which overhangs the

In the UK, 42 per cent more property professionals fear a rise in distressed asset sales in the second quarter of 2010 than a fall, compared to a net balance of 14 per cent

for the first quarter. About £228 billion of property debt is outstanding in the UK, according to a study by experts with £50bn of loans in debt or in breach of terms, following a sharp downturn in values between 2007 and 2009

Property agents are concerned many of the assets behind these loans could be put up for sale by banks keen to cut their exposure to the sector and increase funds for new lending. An increase in supply of properties for sale may cause property values to fall if the demand is not there to meet it.

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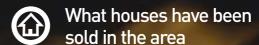


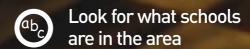
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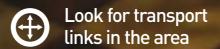


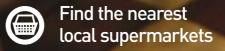
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# BY **STEVE TERVET**

# **Kent League Division Two** Minster 1st XI v Broadstairs 1st XI

MINSTER dropped to bottom of Division Two at the weekend after a four-wicket loss at home to Broadstairs.

Having lost the toss, Minster were put in to bat and made a strong start with Gareth Whetnall maintaining his fine recent form with a knock of 51, which included ten boundaries.

His departure to the bowling of Michael Ross did not halt the Minster charge, however, as George Duggan (29) and Jordan Weller (29) continued to push the score along.

Ross, though, was to swing the game in Broadstairs' favour as he picked up 7 for 66 as the hosts lost momentum and were reduced to 182 all out with only Nathan Nichol's 31 providing any lower-order resistance.

Ross was unable to replicate his bowling heroics with the bat in the Broadstairs response, though, and his exit for five was swiftly followed by that of Alex Hogben, who made just 11.

Minster looked like regaining a foothold in the

contest, but the game was taken away from them by Benfield and Cooper, who scored 50 and 58 respectively to leave their side in a commanding position.

Captain Scott Narraway was dismissed for a duck, but Terry Bond hit 33 to take Broadstairs to the brink of victory, which eventually came in the 33rd over.

The win leaves Broadstairs just two points behind Tenterden after seven games, while Minster's plight is not yet desperate as they remain well in touch with the four sides immediately above them.

# Islanders have no answer to Ross as Minster slip up



**CLEAN BOWLED:** Minster lose another wicket as Broadstairs went on to complete a comprehensive win at Gilbert Hall on Saturday

# **SCORE CARD**

# **Minster 1st XI**

				Runs
<b>Gareth Whetnal</b>	b Ross			51
George Duggan	b Kidd .			29
Jordan Weller b				
Andy Hosken ct				
Mark Tucker lbw				
Craig O'Donoghu				
Nathan Nichol Ib				
James White b R				
Callum Hughes				
Adil Mohmand b				
Martin Hammon				
Extras (2lb 3w 6r				
Total (all out, 46.)				
TOTAL (all out, 40.1	. Ovci 3)			102
Bowlers				
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Prodley Ellicon	8	0	35	0
Bradley Ellison	-			
Liam Narraway	8.1	1	26	1
Michael Ross	15	4	66	7
Chris Kidd	15	3	51	2

# **Broadstairs 1st XI**

	Runs
Michael Ross lbw b White	5
Jake Benfield ct Whetnall b Tucker	50
Alex Hogben ct Duggan b White	11
David Cooper ct Duggan b Mohmand	58
Scott Narraway b Nichol	0
Terry Bond b Mohmand	
Iain Tong not out	12
Chris Kidd not out	
Bradley Ellison did not bat	
Liam Narraway did not bat	
Ashley Ellison did not bat	
Extras (3lb 2w 1nb)	6
<b>Total</b> (6 wickets, 32.5 overs)	184

	0	M	R	W
Nathan Nichol	10	1	46	1
James White	9	0	64	2
Mark Tucker	7	1	33	1
Martin Hammor	ı <b>d</b> 3	0	17	0
Adil Mohmand	3.5	0	21	2

# **LOCAL CRICKET ROUND-UP**

# **KENT REGIONAL LEAGUE PREMIER DIVISION**

Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow 1st XI v Belvedere 1st XI

TREVOR Earl produced a superb bowling display, taking 7 for 31, as Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow eased to a 91-run win over basement club Belvedere.

The hosts were struggling until Tom Murphy (30) and Jamie Ward (40) injected some life into their innings and helped them reach 185 for 6 from their 46 overs.

Earl then rattled through the Belvedere batting line-up, with only Chris Thomas (38) providing any resistance as they crumbled to 94 all out.

# **Bobbing Court & Lower Halstow 1st XI**

Richard Gower				
Adam Haward				
Paul Dennington	Ct Inc	omas d Kash	Ia	18
Chris Murphy				
Gary Ryan				
Daniel Ball				
Tom Murphy				
Jamie Ward				
Trevor Earl				
Paul Bacon				
Paul Aylward	did no	t bat		
Extras	(5b 5l	b 22w 8nb)		40
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Matthew Barrett	12	2	43	3
Steven Lawrence	3	ő	17	
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Jamie Farley		3		2
Kyle Rashid	10	3	34	Ţ
Matthew Ratcliffe		0	17	0
George Stollery	2	0	16	0
James Gladwin	4	0	18	0
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Jonathan Eaton	ct Der	minaton b F.	arl	2
Rehan Oureshi				
Stuart Gamester	c&b B	acon		11
Chris Thomas				
Matthew Ratcliffe .	ct Hav	vard b Earl.		0
George Stollery				
Kyle Rashid	ct Gov	ver b Earl		14
James Gladwin	b Earl			0
Steven Lawrence	b Earl			0
Matthew Barrett	lbw b	Avlward		12
Jamie Farley	b Avlv	vard		0
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Trevor Earl	10 6	3	31	
Paul Bacon	6	Ó	41	

# **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION THREE** Old Elthamians 1st XI v Upchurch 1st XI

THEO Barnett played a key role with ball and bat as Upchurch closed in on the top two with a one-wicket victory against Old Elthamians.

The home side went into the game without a league win this season, but a stand of 146 between James Pearse and Dylan De Beer frustrated Upchurch.

No other batsman passed 20, but the partnership was enough to set a good target of 268 for victory.

Upchurch's reply was centred around Barnett, who had earlier taken three wickets. His 118 came from just 109 balls, but the visitors also needed Daniel Parker's 25 late on to secure victory.

# **Old Elthamians 1st XI**

Paul Bell	ct Fair	clough b Pa	rker	14
James Pearse				
Dylan De Beer	ct Shi	rley b Barne	tt	97
Edward Thorogood .				
Charlie Matthews	ct Jev	viss b Barne	tt	7
Tom Archer	b Bew	rick		14
Andrew Hammond				
Calum Nash	ct Par	ker b Bewic	k	17
Azhar Nawaz	not ou	ıt		1
Blaine Carey	did no	t bat		
Jack Green	did no	t bat		
Extras	(4b 4l	b 1w 4nb) .		13
Total				
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Marc Bond	15	3	54	0
Daniel Parker	7	2	24	
Theo Barnett	10	ō	61	1 3
Adam Hodder	6	Ō	42	Ō
Michael Hales jnr		Ō	44	
Craig Bewick	5	ŏ	34	1 3
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				Runs
Michael Hales	ct The	rogood b G	reen	0
Andrew Shirley	ct Ma	tthews b Na	waz	10
Adam Hodder	ct Arc	her b Carev		32
Theo Barnett				
Michael Hales jnr	lbw b	Thorogood		26
Neil Fairclough				
Marc Bond				
Daniel Parker				
Sam Bewick				
Craig Bewick				
Aiden Jewiss				
Extras	(80 91	D ZW ZND) .		21
Total	(9 WIC	Kets, 50 ove	ers)	2/0
Bowlers				
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Landa Omana				1
Jack Green	6	0	31	1
Azhar Nawaz	14	3		3
Dylan De Beer	9	0	58	0
Blaine Carey	6	1	30	1

# **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FOUR** Rodmersham 1st XI v OD CUACO 1st XI

THE rain frustrated Rodmersham on Saturday as they were denied a precious league win when their home game with OD CUACO was cut short and ruled incomplete.

Rodmersham had set the visitors a victory target of 246 after Dave Cogger (86) and Kevin Jones (84) had put on a 105-run partnership for the second wicket.

Siva Sivaranian hit 50 for OD CUACO, but they were then in some trouble at 178 for 6 when the weather intervened and the players were forced off the field.

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# Rodmersham 1st XI

**Nick Denly** 

Robert Horne	b Sıva	ranjan		12
Michael Jones	b Siva	ranjan		5
Dylan Emmett	c&b V	<i>l</i> ard		29
James Beech	not ou	t		3
Sandeep Rodrigo	did no	t bat		
Nazoomi Azhar	did no	t bat		
Chris Ansley	did no	t bat		
Kevin Beacon	did no	t bat		
Extras	(10b 4	lb 6w)		20
Total	(5 wic	kets dec, 45	overs)	245
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# **OD CUACO 1st XI**

				Runs
David Fox	ct Cog	ger b Ansle	y	13
Ben Webster	ct Hor	ne b Rodrig	0	8
Siva Sivaranjan	ct Roc	Irigo b Azha	r	50
David Mew				
Aaron White				
Graham Ward				
Graeme White				
Noorullah Naseri				
Gary Williamson				
Sam Stuart				
Tim Smedley				
Extras				
Total				
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Bowlers				
DOWNERS	0	M	R	W
Sandeep Rodrigo	11	2	53	ï
Chris Anslev	9	2	25	î
Kevin Jones	7	0	40	i
Nazoomi Azhar	9	2	40	3
Dylan Emmett	2	ñ	11	n
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# **KENT LEAGUE DIVISION FIVE**

# Bromley Town 1st XI v Macknade 1st XI

MACKNADE are five points off top spot in Division Five after snatching a 14-run win from their entertaining visit

to struggling Bromley Town. Kaylem Short hit 72 for Macknade, but their total of 177 was far from imposing as Short's team-mates failed to back up his efforts at the top of the order.

Paul Slamon got Bromley firing with a knock of 50, but Short (4 for 39) and Phil Rowcroft (4 for 45) helped bowl the hosts out for 163 in the 41st over.

# Macknade 1st XI

Phil Rowcroft	ct Sm	th b Porter		0
Kaylem Short	ct Slai	non b Taylo	r	72
Andrew Machin	c&b P	orter		0
Chris Jay	ct Dicl	ker b Lovera	ge	16
Lee Rigden				
Scott Davenport				
Jonathan Holmans				
Terry McDowell				
Jamie Rigden				
James Jarrett				
Darryl Cook				
Extras				
Total				
Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Matt Twose	4.1	0	29	2

# **Bromley Town 1st XI**

Paul Slamon	.ct Davenport b Rowcroft	50
Alex Taylor	.lbw b Short	5
	.ct McDowell b Short	
David Scorer	.b Short	. 13
Graham Neilly	.ct sub b Cook	. 31
Thomas Smith	.ct Taylor b Rowcroft	. 13
Matt Twose	.lbw b Rowcroft	. 0
Luke Loverage	.ct Jay b Rowcroft	6
	.ct Taylor b Short	
	.run out	
Ian Porter	.not out	. 0
Extras	.(7b 3lb 2w)	.12
Total	.(all out, 40.2 overs)	163

Bowlers				
	0	M	R	W
Kaylem Short	10.2	1	39	4
James Jarrett	3	0	21	0
Phil Rowcroft	15	2	45	4
Darryl Cook	10	0	45	1
Jamie Rinden	2	0	3	0

# Sinden ends speculation after signing for Town

# **FOOTBALL**

# BY STEVE TERVET

RICHARD Sinden will play for Faversham Town in Ryman South next season after the striker agreed a deal to keep him at Salters Lane.

After weeks of speculation, Sinden's decision was music to the ears of Town manager Justin Luchford, who insisted the player was always going to stay with the Lilywhites.

The extra demands of Ryman League football had been cited as a possible deterrent for Sinden, but the former Maidstone, Hythe and VCD forward is keen to test himself at the next level.

Unable to break into Luchford's first-team for much of last season, Sinden remained a potent goal threat when introduced from the bench and his manager believes he will be a dangerous weapon again next season.

He said: "We've done a deal with Richard Sinden and he will be staying, so everyone other than two, have now signed up. I always wanted him to stay and there was never any doubt there. He lives further away now so we had to make sure we were on the same page in terms of what we could commit to.

"He may be looking to play more of a part this year. He's a proven goalscorer at both levels so he'll score goals for us whether he's starting games or coming off the bench. He'll



be just as effective in whichever role he plays." Luchford has yet to conclude his transfer business and confirmed he was in talks with two players, one of which is believed to be Sittingbourne defender Matt Bourne, who he is hopeful of signing by the time Town's squad returns for pre-season training

He said: "I've got two weeks off and I've got a few things to tie up before I come back. A couple of the players are getting itchy feet, they're getting in contact with me because they can't wait to get going and that's pleasing.

"We've got six sessions before the first friend-

winning the Kent Youth League, Kent County Cup and Kent Challenge Cup.

He replaces outgoing manager John Goodwin and will be assisted by coaches Vince

# Dixon picks up his best finish so far at Croft

JAMES Dixon recorded his best finish of the season as he drove to of the ELF Renault Clio Cup in North Yorkshire on Sunday.

drives before finishing eighth at Oulton Park, but he went one better at Croft to give his season a real boost.

Dixon's weekend had started miserably, however, after he failed to complete a lap of Saturday's race, which was round nine of the

championship.
Having qualified ninth-fastest,
Dixon started on the fifth row of the grid, but never got going and had to watch from trackside as Dave Newsham drove to first

significantly in Sunday's televised race, despite starting back on the sixth row. Dixon worked his way through the field to come home in seventh place, more than eight seconds ahead of Patrick

MOTORSPORT

Race two was also won by Newsham, while the series' headline act, Fulvio Mussi, came home in fifth for JHR Developments.

Dixon began his motorsport career by karting both in the UK and Europe before making his Formula Renault debut in 2008.

The escalating budgets for single-seater racing then prompted him to switch to the Renault Clio Cup, which acts as a support series for the British Touring Car





# seventh place at the tenth round

The 20-year-old, who lives in Stockbury, had previously chalked up a trio of ninth-placed

place for Team Pyro.

However, his fortunes improved



# **FOOTBALL**



**TOWN MAN:** Matt Bourne has signed for Faversham

# **Bourne departure to** rivals will add some spice come derby day

GARY Abbott insists the departure of Matt Bourne to Faversham Town will give his Sittingbourne side an even greater incentive to win next season's local derbies.

Bourne, who joined the Lilywhites at the end of last week, was an integral part of the Sittingbourne defence last season, but the Brickies boss does not believe the loss of his prize centre-half will prove terminal. Indeed, Abbott is already relishing the

two league clashes against Town in Ryman South and remains confident in his squad's ability to surprise the division once again.

He said: "I'm gutted because Bourney was my main player – he's been great for us – but I'll get on with it.

"Bourney's been brilliant for the last couple of years, you always know what you're going to get from him so good luck to him. "Faversham is our local derby now and

this gives me even more reason to want to

# Upbeat

"We lost players to Chatham last year, I told the players they weren't as good as us and I don't think Faversham will be better than us this season.

"It's not a problem, we will replace Bourney and we know how he plays so we'll make sure he doesn't score against us."

One piece of good news for Abbott was Hicham Akhazzan's verbal agreement to remain at Bourne Park for next season, after the striker was believed to have also been approached by Faversham.

With pre-season training now just ten days away, Abbott is staying upbeat.

He said: "When someone scores 28 goals, you don't want them to go. I spoke to Hicham, we had to give him a little bit

extra, but if anyone deserves more, it's him. "I've got quite a few boys coming down for pre-season and I've had a lot of phone calls so I'm not panicking."



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New Dover boss Martin Haves at his first press conference at Crabble

# JAMES Guthrie led the way for Faversham Swimming Club as they scooped an impressive haul of medals at the Margate Open, held years 50m breaststroke completed a quintet of top placings for The 10-year-old smashed a Faversham. Lucy Burchell, nine, and Emma

**SWIMMING** 

Margate championship record which had stood since 2002, Westlake, 14, both recorded thirdswimming the 50-metre breastplace finishes for Faversham over 50m in breaststroke with Emma Westlake and Lydia Scott also coming fourth in their respective stroke in a time of 43.56 secs to claim one of his two gold medals. The other came in the 50m freestyle, which he swam in a 50m freestyle races. time of 34.59, with the Guthrie family given further reason to

at Hartsdown Leisure Centre.

celebrate as his older brother

He swam to first place in the

12-years 50m breaststroke and

50m freestyle, while Flora Westlake's gold in the girls' ten-

Tom also won double-gold.

IN THE SWIM: Faversham Swimming Club performed well at the Margate Open

Faversham club claim

impressive medals haul

The day was topped off by personal-best times for 11 of the club's swimmers at the competition which also featured Ashford, Beachfield, Beckenham, Black Lion, Dover Lifeguard, Folkestone, Herne Bay, Hythe Aqua, Maidstone and Margate.

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